

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

(by Director of Emergency Services)

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 8183 of the County of San Diego empowers the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a Local Emergency when said county is affected, or likely to be affected, by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of San Diego does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of property have arisen within said county caused by the infestation of the Mexican Fruit Fly in the Valley Center area commencing on or about 9:00 a.m. on the 22nd day of November, 2002; and

WHEREAS, due to the Mexican Fruit Fly infestation, there are currently 6,400 acres of quarantined crops consisting of at least 15 different types of fruits, including avocados, oranges, grapefruits, lemons, apples and persimmons with an estimated value of \$33 million dollars in the probable quarantine area; and

WHEREAS, the most crucial need is for immediate and aggressive steps to isolate, contain and eradicate the Mexican Fruit Fly which can only be accomplished by on-site management; and

WHEREAS, these conditions of extreme peril to the safety of property caused by said emergency are beyond the control of local resources, services, personnel, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego is not in session and cannot immediately be called into session; and

WHEREAS, this Proclamation of Local Emergency will be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days of being issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of San Diego, that a Local Emergency exists throughout said county and that said Local Emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said Local Emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of this county shall be those prescribed by state law, charter, ordinances, and resolutions of this jurisdiction and by the Operational Area Emergency Plan as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND REQUESTED that the Governor of the State of California find and proclaim San Diego County to be in a State of Emergency and that he/she request a Presidential Declaration of Emergency for San Diego County.

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IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that the Director of Emergency Services and the Director, Office of Disaster Preparedness, are hereby designated as the authorized representatives of the County of San Diego for the purpose of receipt, processing, and coordination of all inquiries and requirements necessary to obtain available state and federal assistance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Proclamation of Local Emergency be forwarded to the San Diego County Operational Area, for forwarding to the State Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with a request that;

1. The State Director find the Proclamation of Local Emergency acceptable in accordance with provisions of the Natural Disaster Assistance Act; and that
2. The State Director consider forwarding this Proclamation, and request for a State Proclamation and Presidential Declaration of Emergency, to the Governor of California for consideration and action.

PROCLAIMED by the Director of Emergency Services for the County of San Diego, State of California, this twenty-second day of November, 2002.

Walt Ekard,
Director of Emergency Services